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Applicants: Mei et al.

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Inventors: Mei et al.

Title: **Methods and Computer Software  
Products for Selecting Nucleic  
Acid Probes**

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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